

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. F. BELMONT

FROM : V. P. KERR

SUBJECT: CARMEL OFFIE  
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DATE: October 17, 1950

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Referral/Consult

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ACTION

It is suggested this matter be forwarded to  
 the Espionage Section for the attention of Supervisor W. R.  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: CARMEL OFFIE  
ESPIONAGE - IS  
(Bufile 65-32871)

DATE: September 11, 1950

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Rebulet August 31, 1950 captioned [redacted] and Bulet September 1, 1950 bearing above caption. (S)(u)

Pursuant to the Bureau's request, a copy of subject's photograph as well as a copy of the report of Special Agent JAMES J. CANAVAN dated August 2, 1950 in the above captioned case are being furnished to the New York Office with this letter. A current report in this matter has been designated for the New York Office.

Referral/Consult

[redacted]  
[redacted] 5-11 (S)(u) [redacted]

A check of the records of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia reflects a deed dated October 18, 1948 by which [redacted]

[redacted] his wife, [redacted] conveyed to CARMEL OFFIE, unmarried, the premises at 3105 Woodley Road, N.W., designated as Lot 27 in square 2103. This deed was recorded on November 8, 1948 in Liber 8863, Folio 14, and was returned to Boss and Phelps Real Estate Company. The recited consideration was \$10.00; however, Federal transfer stamps in the amount of \$38.50 were attached to the deed which would indicate that the property was sold for about \$34,000 since fifty-five cents in stamps are required for each \$500.00 of consideration. It was also reflected in Liber 8863, Folio 16 that on November 4, 1948 OFFIE executed a Deed of Trust to the Union Trust Company as Trustee for the Riggs National Bank to secure a personal note in the sum of \$19,500 at four per cent to be paid in equal monthly installments of \$156.00. The Deed of Trust covered the property at 3105 Woodley Road, N.W.

Information has also been received from the trash cover maintained on OFFIE's residence at 3105 Woodley Road, N.W. that he is contemplating cc New York (Enc)

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the purchase of the premises at 3318 Rowland Place, N.W. However, the Recorder of Deeds' records reflect that [redacted] to this property on November 13, 1946 and to date no deed has been put on record indicating that he has conveyed this property to OFFIE or anyone else. (S) (u)

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A spot check at 3105 Woodley Road, N.W., made on September 6, 1950, reflects that this house still appears to be occupied.

[redacted] Cleveland Park Station, U.S. Post Office, 3430 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., advised that OFFIE had not filed any change of address card with the Post Office indicating that he was moving from 3105 Woodley Road, N.W. [redacted] also questioned the carrier who delivers mail to that address who advised him that OFFIE had given no indication that he contemplates moving.

Reference is made to Bulet dated August 28, 1950 in this matter which referred to the Form FD-142 dated July 27, 1950 submitted by this office covering OFFIE's residence at 3105 Woodley Road, N.W., stating that the Bureau was not giving further consideration to the request contained in this form since OFFIE is presently employed in New York City and is probably living there. It appears, however, that OFFIE is still spending some time at the Woodley Road address and it is submitted for the Bureau's consideration that the granting of the request contained in the Form FD 142 might provide the means of determining OFFIE's residence in New York City and also provide the means of determining when he is in New York City if he is not maintaining a permanent residence there thus affording a better coverage of his activities than exists at the present time. (S) (u)

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Concerning the allegation that OFFIE is the owner of two apartment houses in Paris, France, this office contemplates contacting Confidential Informant [redacted] known to the Bureau, who has previously furnished information concerning OFFIE to this office. This informant has recently been in Paris and is expected to return to this country in a day or two if he has not already done so. Since he and OFFIE are on friendly terms he may well be able to provide some information concerning this matter. The Bureau will be kept currently informed of developments in this case. (S) (u)

cc - New York (Enc)

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SAC, Washington Field

September 21, 1950

Director, FBI

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CARMEL OFFIE  
ESPIONAGE - IS  
(Washington Field file 65-5536)

Under date of July 27, 1950, your office submitted a form, FD 142, recommending the installation of a technical surveillance on the Washington, D. C. residence of Carmel Offie. By letter dated August 28, 1950, the Bureau pointed out that Offie presently is working in New York and requested that his residence address be verified to determine if the installation should be made in Washington, D. C. or elsewhere. (S)(u)

By letter dated September 11, 1950, you advised that Offie appears to be spending some time at his Washington, D. C. residence and requested the Bureau to consider granting permission to make the technical installation at 3105 Woodley Road, Northwest. (S)(u)

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15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

I recommend that this surveillance be authorized.

(S)(u)

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

I concur.

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SAC, Washington Field

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August 28, 1950

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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letter DTD 3/22/89

[Redacted] (S-1)(u)

[Redacted] (S-1)(u)

Under date of July 27, 1950, a Form FD 142 was received from your office covering Offie's residence address, 3105 Woodley Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Since Offie is presently employed in New York City, he is probably living there. Consequently, the Bureau is not giving further consideration to the request contained in your Form FD 142, pending verification of Offie's present residence address. When this address has been verified, you should submit a new Form FD 142 if you still desire to make the recommendations covered by the form. (S)(u)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 27, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: [RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SURVEILLANCE]"JUNE"

RE: Title CARMEL OFFIE

Character of Case	ESPIONAGE - IS
Field Office	Washington Field
Symbol Number	C-
Type of Surveillance (Technical or <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> )	

1. Name and address of subject:

CARMEL OFFIE

3105 Woodley Road, N. W.

Telephone: DEcatur-9234

2. [Location of technical operation:] (\$)(u)

[Will be located at an existing plant] (\$)(u)

3. [Other technical surveillances on same subject:] (\$)(u)

None

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4. [Cost and manpower involved:] (\$)(u)

[None, since operation will be located at existing plant] (\$)(u)

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Adequacy of security: Operation will be secure since it will be located at existing plant. Security survey not requested since surveillance will be handled at established plant. (\$)(u)

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6. Type of case involved:

Espionage - [ ] (S)(U)

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7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

Main subject

8. Specific information being sought:

[Information is being sought to determine if subject is furnishing information to representatives of [ ] which information is of a confidential nature.] (S)(U)

9. [Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:] (S)(U)

[Difficulty has been encountered in conducting a discreet physical surveillance of subject and it is believed that a technical surveillance will be invaluable in determining his contacts which may in turn lead to the solution of the case.] (S)(U)

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10. Importance of case and subject:

Intensive investigation has already been conducted in an attempt to determine the source of the leak of confidential government information to representative of [ ] with negative results and this subject has been

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identified by a reliable source of furnishing confidential information to a representative of [REDACTED] (S)(u)

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

[At the present time, a physical surveillance which was instituted on subject, has been discontinued, and it is felt that a technical surveillance is the only means of determining subject's contacts and activities at the present time.] (S)(u)

12. Risks of detection involved:

None

13. [Probable length of technical surveillance] (S)(u)

Indefinite

14. [Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):] (S)(u)

None

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 FROM : C. E. Hennrich  
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PURPOSE

To secure your approval to deny authority to the field to make a technical installation in connection with the investigation of Carmel Offie since there is a prosecutive possibility in this case. (S) (4)

DETAILS

A proposed memorandum has been prepared to the Washington Field Office giving complete details with regard to the matter set forth in the purpose. Although the field has recommended the installation of a technical surveillance in this matter and although the Offie case is considered to be one of primary importance, it is felt that in view of the prosecutive possibility no technical installation should be authorized at this time. (S) (4)

ACTION

If it meets with your approval, the proposed letter will be forwarded to Washington Field advising that authority for a technical installation on Offie's residence in Washington, D. C. is denied at this time. (S) (4)

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